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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

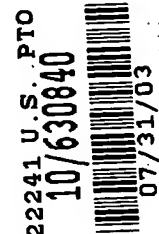
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Sosuke KAWASHIMA
WORKPIECE CARRIER

Assignee: NSK LTD.

Our Ref. Q76799



Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twenty-four (24) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, seven (7) sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	8 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1 - 3	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$750.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$750.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	\$790.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

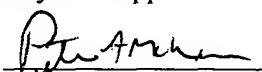
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-223906	July 31, 2002

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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